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WASHINGTON, August 19, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 14 totaled an estimated 14.9 billion ton-miles, 15.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 517.8 billion ton-miles, 10.5 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 14 totaled 353,573 cars, 19.1 percent below 1981, but 0.3 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 26.6 percent in the East, 17.9 percent in the South, and 14.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Twelve of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 7 totaled 37,439 cars, up 11.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 66,033 trailers and/or containers, 10.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 1,143,855 cars, 8.9 percent higher than last year, and 2,018,848 trailers and/or containers, up 6.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/14/82:

	Loadings in Week ended August 14, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,721	D	2,638	9.6	D	1,506	5.7
Other farm products	3,039	D	141	4.4	D	39	1.3
Metallic ores	13,974	D	24,434	63.6	D	618	4.2
Coal	114,296	D	16,291	12.5	I	3,583	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,653	D	2,893	23.1	I	221	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	8,924	D	4,323	32.6	I	37	0.4
Grain mill products	11,659	D	2,466	17.5	D	24	0.2
Food and kindred products	12,701	D	2,034	13.8	I	195	1.6
Primary forest products	14,900	D	3,158	17.5	D	178	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,922	D	1,243	17.3	I	226	4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,673	D	2,968	15.9	I	462	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	21,555	D	3,207	13.0	I	1,256	6.2
Petroleum products	4,962	D	136	2.7	I	114	2.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,000	D	3,416	25.5	D	391	3.8
Coke	4,290	D	2,248	34.4	I	20	0.5
Metals and products	7,077	D	6,741	48.8	D	704	9.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,340	D	2,261	17.9	D	1,078	9.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,393	D	4,201	36.2	I	530	7.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,328	D	949	10.2	I	42	0.5
All other carloads	43,962	I	2,189	5.2	D	1,071	2.4
LCL traffic	204	I	13	6.8	I	7	3.6
Total Cars Loaded	353,573	D	83,546	19.1	I	1,084	0.3
Corresponding week of 1981	437,119						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	12,071,460	13,716,377	D 12.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
32 Weeks cumulative	502.9	560.8	D 10.3
Week ended August 7	14.9	17.6	D 15.0
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